



## GLITTERING SHOW AT SFRC MEET

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### PREAMBLE

Though we were planning to celebrate Silver Jubilee of Alumni Meet, due to circumstances beyond our control, it could not be executed.

Thirty years ago, our Principal in his message has said about the Students' Directory which is very appropriate and I would like to quote here:

**"This book will help you all after a decade or two in bringing back to mind the names of your classmates—though it is difficult to forget one with whom you have spent considerable time of living together—and with it very pleasant memories. You may find it refreshing to recollect how one looked like, if you meet him after two or three decades !"**

These words were lingering in mind all the time and it took a shape as it is looking today. First myself and Mr. Mune Gowda sat together and chalked out a plan to convene a meeting.

With great difficulty, we were able to contact 90% of our batchmates and established contacts with them. We then fixed a date for a meet at Bangalore and informed our plans to them. We also contacted our instructors who have just expressed great interest in the programme. Enthused by the encouragement of both batchmates and instructors, we chalked out a detailed programme for 2 days and named the event as NOSTALGIA 2010. The objects of the meet were three fold:

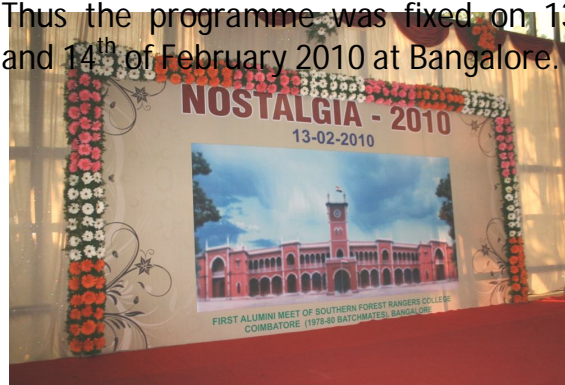
- (1) To meet all our instructors and batchmates
- (2) To reprint the Students Directory
- (3) To make their 2 day-stay most memorable, loading with interesting programmes like:
  - (a) 2 Hours of get together meeting

- (b) Honouring our teachers
- (c) Honouring our batchmates who have achieved distinction in their profession
- (d) To arrange sight seeing including visit to INFOSYS
- (e) To generate greater interest among the batchmates to arrange such meets once in two years.



***VENUE OF THE MEET***

Thus the programme was fixed on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at Bangalore.



***BACKDROP OF THE STAGE***

The venue chosen was KAS Officers Auditorium situated at Infantry Road. The Auditorium was well done up with big flexi banner backdrop and the photographs of deceased batchmates were displayed on the stage. The programme details were sent to all the instructors and batch-mates. Hotels/Guest House Bookings were made to accommodate the Instructors, batchmates and their family members. Arrangements for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinners were made. Visit to various places were also planned.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February itself delegates started arriving in Bangalore and arrangements were made to pick them up from Bus/Railway/Air Ports and to put them in their respective hotels rooms/guest houses. Sixty Delegates and 8 instructors have attended the SFRC Meet at Bangalore.



***Iskcon Temple, Bangalore***



***Lord Krishna & Radha***

## VISIT OF BATCHMATES TO ISKCON TEMPLE

On 13<sup>th</sup> morning, the visit to ISKCON Temple was organised. Swamiji Pandit Dasa and Mahajana Das were kind enough to make the visit to the temple, memorable one. After darshan and prasadams, the Guests were treated to sumptuous lunch as ISKCON. Later there was a photo session at the venue of the function.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME



*Family Members of Batchmates taking active part in the cultural activities—Songs*

Thereafter, at 6.30 p.m. the colourful function began with some rendering of artistic talents of the family members of the batchmates.



*Among the audience, Sri. Jagjith Lamba and Sri. Subbarayulu Naidu*



*Flute rendering by Y.G.Goswami (M.P.)*



*One of the family members of a batchmate rendering a song*



Family Members of SFRC took great interest and initiative in cultural activities.

SFRC First Alumni Meet began with prayers to Almighty. Mrs. Manju Ravindra rendered a melodious devotional song dedicated to Almighty.





*Mr. S.Kumaraswamy,  
DCF, Karnataka delivering Welcome Address*

### **WELCOME ADDRESS BY S. KUMARASWAMY**

Mr. S. Kumaraswamy who co-ordinated the entire activities with the help of his Karnataka batchmates, welcomed the gathering. While explaining the various hurdles he had come across while organising the MEET, he also stressed the need for such meetings as often as possible. He said SFRC meet should aim at achieving the following

- In this forum, I want all of you to generate discussions about new ideas and directions for our Alumni relations and our profession;
- that our Batchmates will learn from information exchanged here;
- that we should meet at least once in two years.

It was also an occasion to remember the Batchmates and the Instructors who have departed and one minute silence was observed to mark respect and pay homage to the departed. The following are the instructors and batchmates who departed us since 1978-80:

Our principal K. Shanmughanathan

Sri. K.R. Rajagopalan

Sri. S. Krishnaswamy

Sri. I. Manuel

The batchmates who passed away are:

Sri. K.P. Mishra (Madhya Pradesh)

Sri. Shankar Gajanana Bhat (Karnataka)

Sri. C. Sathyanarayana (Andhra Pradesh)

Sri. G.D. Pawar (Maharashtra)

Sri. V.K. Gawade (Maharashtra)

Sri. N. Purushothaman (Tamil Nadu)

Sri. M. Muthu (Tamil Nadu)

Sri. N. Srinivasan (Tamil Nadu)

Sri. V. Dekshinamoorthy (Tamil Nadu)

Sri. P.P. Vetri Pandian (Tamil Nadu)

Sri. Cosmos Tigga (Madhya Pradesh)



***Tributes to Departed***



**INAUGURATION OF SFRC ALUMNI MEET BY LIGHTING THE LAMP BY GUESTS**

*Mr. Saravanan, Mr. S. Kumaraswamy, Mr. Subbarayulu Naidu, Mr. Jagjith Lamba lighting the lamp to mark the inauguration of the meet. On the backdrop, Mr. Devarajulu, Mohamed Ta-yub and others participating in the inauguration ceremony.*

The declaration of the inauguration was marked with the lighting of lamp by all instructors, as well as by two distinguished batchmates Mr. Selvaraj and Mr. Kandaswamy, and also by Mr.S.Kumaraswamy.



*Ms. Indushree rendering ventriloquism*

As a part of cultural and entertainment programme, the Karnataka's famous and first woman Ventriloquist Ms. Indu Shree rendered her performance for 1 hour in English and Hindi. The audience were enthralled by her solo performance.

## **FELICITATION TO INSTRUCTORS BY 1978-80 BATCHMATES**

One of the main objectives of SFRC meet was to invite all the instructors and to felicitate them for their yeomen services to teaching profession especially education on Forest. Accordingly the SFRC Batchmates felicitated the instructors on 13.2.2010 by garlanding the teachers, presenting them with shawls and an artefact as memento. It was indeed a great tribute to the teachers. The entire audience expressed their respect to the teachers by applauding when each and every instructor was honoured. Batchmates Representing Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Madhya



Pradesh, Maharastra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka were asked to accompany the instructors to the dias for felicitation.



Facilitating Sri Subbarayulu Naidu Sir



Facilitating Sri. Jagajith Lamba Sir



Facilitating Shri Devarajulu Sir



Facilitating Shri. Saravanan Sir,



Felicitating Shri. Kuttaya Sir



Facilitating Shri Kaliappan Sir

The representatives from Andhra Pradesh have also conferred the honour to the instructors with Garlands and Shawls. It was indeed a touching and sensational moment for every batchmate watching their instructors being honoured 30 years after completion of the course. It was touching and glorious moment indeed as well as nostalgic. The Andhra representative in his speech said though Andhra had largest

contingment at 1978-80, due to circumstances beyond their control, they could not organise the Batchmates Alumni Meeting and hope to conduct it in the years to come.



Felicitating Mr. Selva Kumar, I.F.S.



Felicitating Mr. Kanda Swamy, I.F.S.

## **FELICITATION TO 2 OF THE DISTINGUISHED BATCHMATES OF 1978-80**

SFRC Batchmates also honoured two of their distinguished batchmates i.e. Mr. Selva Kumar (Karnataka) and Mr. Kanda Swamy of Tamil Nadu for having achieved the distinction of securing I.F.S. Presently Mr. Selvakumar is serving Karnataka Forests as CCF and soon Mr. Kandaswamy who is rendering service to Tamil Nadu Forests will be promoted as CCF,

## **FELICITATION TO SMT. HANUMANTHA RAO – wild life photographer**



*Felicitating Mrs. Ratnabai Hanumantha Rao*

The occasion also witnessed paying of tributes to Mr. E. Hanumantha Rao, the greatest Wild Life Photographer of Karnataka who has rendered yeomen services to Wild

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Life Preservation and Environment awareness among the general public and especially among the children through his slide shows and photographic exhibition on Wildlife. Mrs. Hanumantha Rao who was also actively associated with Mr. Rao had contributed to preservation, conservation of wildlife in her own way. She is now custodian of all collections of Mr. Rao. She was felicitated on the occasion of SFRC Meet.

### **RELEASE OF SOUVENIR-CUM-STUDENT'S DIRECTORY**

The carefully designed 84 pages full-colour print book consists of:

- (a) Photographs of all the batchmates of 1978-80
- (b) Photographs of Principal and all instructors of 1978-80 batch
- (c) Information about GASS Forest Museum at Coimbatore
- (d) Photo gallery of more than 100 b/w photographs taken by students in ordinary camera in 1978-80 which were beautifully reproduced.
- (e) Very useful information about forests
- (f) Photographs of Forests
- (g) Jokes, cartoons related to forest.



*Sri. S. Kumaraswamy is helping Sri. Subbarayulu Naidu Sir to release the Souvenir. Sri. Kanda Swamy and Sri. Jagjith Lamba are witnessing the event.*

This publication is a life-time record book for all the batchmates as it not only contains personal information of batchmates, but also about their College, their hostel, their work-fields besides useful information about Forest, forestry and environment. Printed in all its colour and pageantry, the book is fully loaded with information related directly or indirectly to the Batchmates and their profession. Of all the information, the Photo-Gallery is more memorable one, as seeing it, one will be taken back to 1978-80 period of youthful exuberance, learning, and enjoying. The souvenir was re-



leased by the Senior Most Instructor Shri. Subbarayulu Naidu Sir and the copies of the same were presented to all the instructors.



**COMPLIMENTARY KIT:** Mr. Kumaraswamy and his team had arranged for distribution of a bag containing (1) compliments from Soap Factory, (2) a sandal wood Key chain (3) A laminated Black and White Group Photograph of 1978-80 batch (4) A laminated colour photograph of the college building (5) A copy of the Souvenir-cum-Directory. This was distributed soon after the function and the same were very well received and appreciated by the batchmates.

### REPLY TO THE FELICITATIONS

All the instructors as well as Mr. Selva Kumar and Mr. Kandaswamy were requested to say a few words. Sri. Subbarayulu Naidu spoke about the Forest Education, its usefulness to the Rangers and the efforts put in by the lecturers. He profusely thanked Mr. Kumaraswamy and his batchmates of Karnataka for their noble thoughts of bringing both instructors and the batchmates together after 30 years of their graduation.



Shri. Subbarayulu Naidu and Shri. Jagjith Lamba addressing the gathering

Shri. Devarajulu spoke about a forester and how the forest life has brought a good health, sound body and mind. He appreciated the Guru-Sishya Parampara



Shri Kuttaya Sir and Sri Devarajulu Sir addressing the gathering



Shri. Kaliappan and Shri. Saravanan addressing the gathering.



Shri. Selva Kumar, I.F.S. and Shri. Kanda Swamy, I.F.S. addressing the gathering.

Sri. Selva Kumar and Sri. Kandaswamy recalled their student days at SFRC and expressed their deep felt gratitude to the revered Teachers.





*[Section of the Audience, in rapt attention to the programmes]*

Notable feature of SFRC MEET is presence of large number of family members which added colour and gaiety to the programme. Mr. Raviraj, DCF appealed to the batchmates of other states to take the lead provided by Karnataka to organize such meets atleast once in two years so that there will be more animated participation of all batchmates and their family members.



Speeches by Representatives of Batchmates (L to R) Mr. R.N. Lakshman (Kar.), Mr. Rajan (Kerala), Mr. K. Pradeep Naidu (Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Ramdas from Tamilnadu



### **VOTE OF THANKS**

Mr. Javeed Mumtaz who had put in lot of efforts to arrange for Lunch and Dinner for the guests and batchmates proposed vote of thanks, thanking profusely the teachers and the batchmates and said it is their presence that made the programme a grand success.



Yakshagana performance by Ms. Shivakumar Begar and his troupe added colour and pag-eantry to the function. .



Mr. Devarajulu Sir was very pleased to honour Mr. S.Kumaraswamy for his laudable efforts in organising the SFRC meet beyond imagination of any participant or instructor.

SFRC Meet was most memorable, most admiring and helped all the participants to recall their memory of 1978-80 and cherish the same in the years to come.

### **SPEECHES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BATCHMATCH FROM EACH STATE**

The representatives on behalf of batchmates from each of the States viz., Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharastra, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Madya Pradesh were requested to speak about their opinions on SFRC Meet, their Plans for future of SFRC etc. All the representatives have lauded the bold step taken by Mr. Kumaraswamy and his friends in organising the grand SFRC Meet at Bangalore and expressed their sincere thanks. On 14th Feb. a sight seeing was arranged by the organizers to Sri Rangapattana and Mysore which also included a memorable visit to INFOSYS campus.

BATCHMATES AT INFOSYS CAMPUS, MYSORE



BATCHMATES VISITED TIPPU PALACE, SRI CHAMUNDESHWARI HILLS, BRINDAVAN GARDENS AND MYSORE PALACE

